

Docket No.: 114231.119**FAX RECEIVED****PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application	GROUP	FAX RECEIVED
Lola M. REID et al.	:	SEP 21 2000
Serial No. 09/534,487	:	GROUP 1600 Group Art Unit: 1636
Filed: March 24, 2000	:	Examiner: Woitach, J.

For: PROLIFERATION OF HEPATOCYTE PRECURSORS

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby submit the following Amendment and Response to the Examiner's Office Action dated June 20, 2000 in the above-cited application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-20.

Please add new claims as follows:

Sub c 21. A method of treatment of liver dysfunction in a subject in need thereof comprising administering a genetically engineered hepatocyte precursor to the subject.

B1 22. A method of treatment of liver dysfunction in a subject in need thereof comprising administering a genetically engineered hepatocyte precursor to the subject, with the proviso that